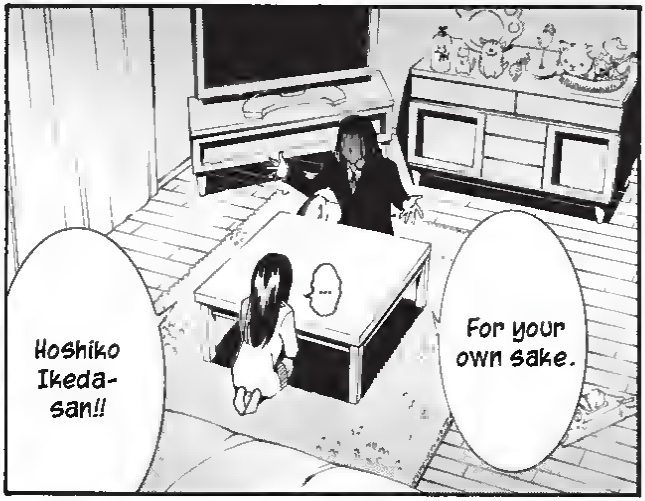
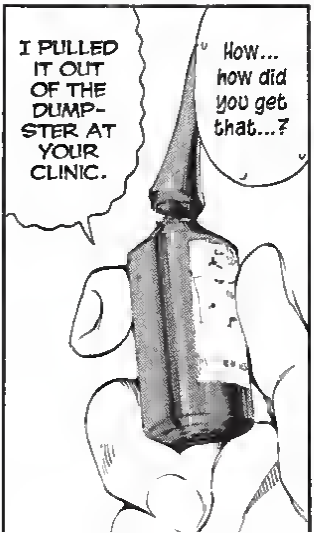
Case 9: ⚜ The Stolen Face, Part 1

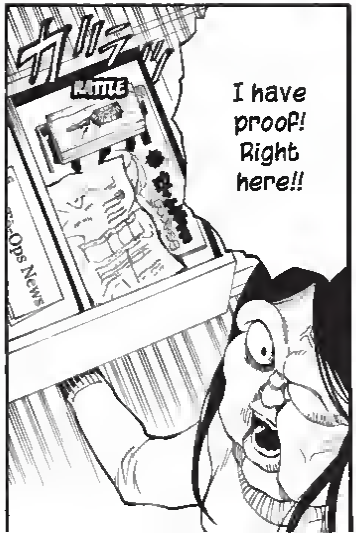
Please accept my offer.
Mun Pehf
And I'll add 300 thousand yen* as a get-well gift.
I will issue a refund for all previous operations.

* About $3000



BAM
...DID THIS TO MY FACE!!


I PULLED IT OUT OF THE DUMP-STER AT YOUR CLINIC.
How... how did you get that...?


I have proof! Right here!!
...Ops News

What?!
N...no, that was just your bad luck...
BAM

It's a warning that says that these shoddy drugs are mixed so poorly that they're likely to have impurities!!
Look, I have magazine articles, too!
RUSTLE
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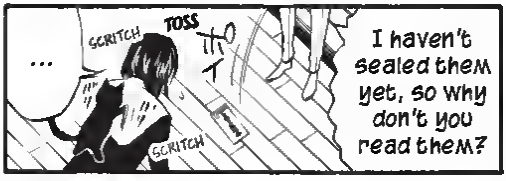
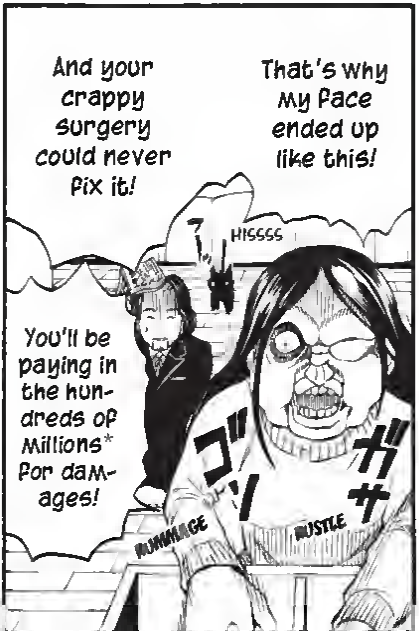
…

I investigated everything, and look! I have papers that prove it!!
Importation Form
Yoshito Akane-dono)
These illegal, fake drugs were imported under your name!!
You made a killing, selling these as high-end plastic surgery drugs, and you got them practically for free!
BAM



*Millions of dollars



GASP
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RUSTLE...
W...wait, please!!
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET DONE BEFORE I SUBMIT THESE TOMORROW?
I know something that will work!!
Please, give me one more chance!!
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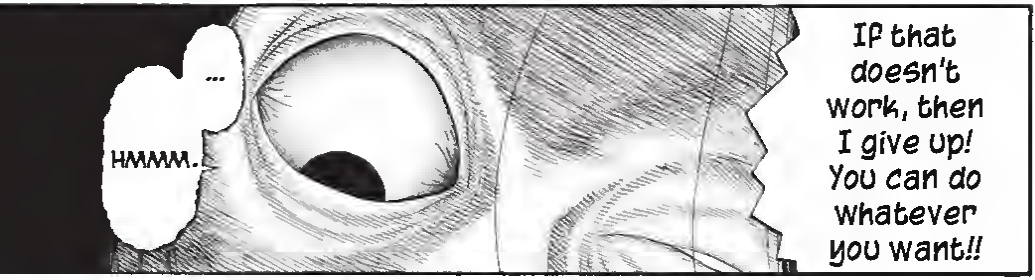
and you'll be reborn, with a face several times more beautiful than it ever was!
A new drug I ordered from Germany!!
It will get rid of the side effects,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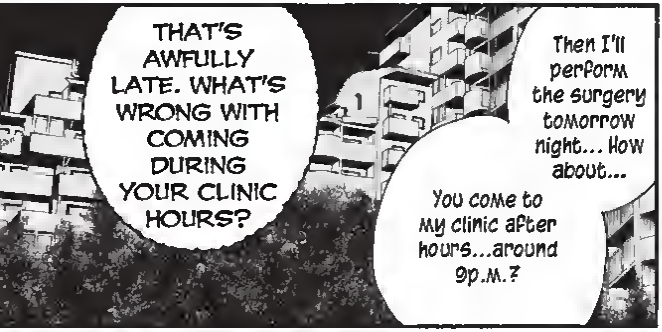
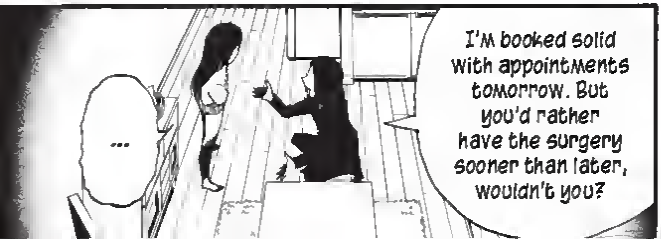
HMMM.
If that doesn't work, then I give up! You can do whatever you want!!


THAT'S AWFULLY LATE. WHAT'S WRONG WITH COMING DURING YOUR CLINIC HOURS?
Then I'll perform the surgery tomorrow night... How about...
You come to my clinic after hours...around 9p.m.?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I'm booked solid with appointments tomorrow. But you'd rather have the surgery sooner than later, wouldn't you?

IN FOR A PENNY, IN FOR A POUND. YOU'VE ALREADY SCREWED UP THIS FAR, YOU MIGHT AS WELL GO ALL THE WAY.
...ALL RIGHT. GIVE IT A TRY.
ZOOM
Th...thank you so much!

Th...thank you so much...!!
DON'T FORGET.
HISS

...
THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE.
CLATTER
ALL RIGHT. I'LL BE THERE.

Heh...heh... heh heh heh heh heh heh heh heh heh...
Some things can't be done during normal office hours...
Like monster extermination!

HSSSSS

DUN
G...
G...
DUN
G...
DUN
Good—good morning, everyone!
My name is Takeru Wajim-ack!
I'm the newest member of the detective division!
ASHI

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WA HA HA HA HA
...
Oh, you're the one!
He's so young!
The kid who took that anchorman out to dry...
He's adorable! Like a high school kid!
Yeah. What a relief.
HEH HEH HEH...
I see they're giving you a warm welcome.
...
HOP
Well, that's how old he is right?
CLAMOR CLAMOR
わいわい
Well, why not? The lovable klutz role suits you.
HMMM. So that's how you're going to play it.
YOU'VE THOUGHT THIS THROUGH.

Well, you may have him to thank for getting you into the detective division, after all...
GRRR...
He...he never changes.
The Chief says he wants us to go to crime scenes together for a while.
Oh, Munakata-kun.
Japan just loves the buddy system. What a pain.
Did you say something?
Nn?
PSST!
How condescending of you, Sherdog.
ARF!
So why not babysit the naive young master, eh?
? Right...
Nope! I'm looking forward to working together, Munakata-kun!

Wajima-kun, Munakata-kun.
Oh.
Chief Yoshida!!
Ho ho ho, relax, Wajima-kun.
STILT
カチン コチン
STILT
Hi.
You know.
Like Detective Denim in "Taiyō ni Hoero!"
DU-NA-NA NA-NA-NA DAAA-NA-NAAA
I loved that show.
I want you to dress more youthfully when you go on investigations.
LIKE SHICHI-GO-SAN.
You boys aren't really ready for those clothes yet, are you?
BOYS?!
I'll Google it later.
HO HO HO
ふぉっ ふぉっ ふぉっ
What's "Taiyō ni Hoero!"?
DENIM?
Y...yes, sir.

Hyper Beauty Clinic
The Monster sure is late...
I understand not being able to go out in daylight with a face like that.
But it's already nine o-clock!!
CHOSE THE TIME HIMSELF.
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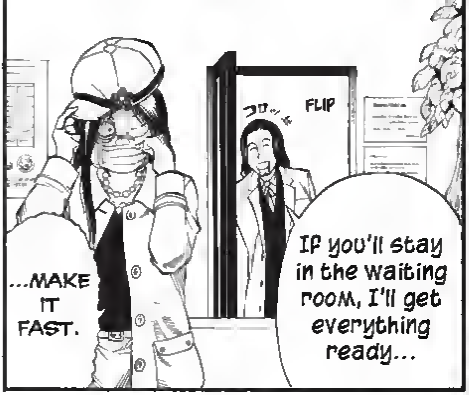
DING DONG DING DONG
I've been waiting for you, Hoshiko-san!
FLIP
...
The Monster is here for extermination!!


FLIP
...MAKE IT FAST.
If you'll stay in the waiting room, I'll get everything ready...

I really appreciate it.
WELL, I THOUGHT I'D GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE
Don't act so beastly, beast.

SHUT
SIGH

Please help yourself
...
We have the new Peach, Honey, and Maple flavors.

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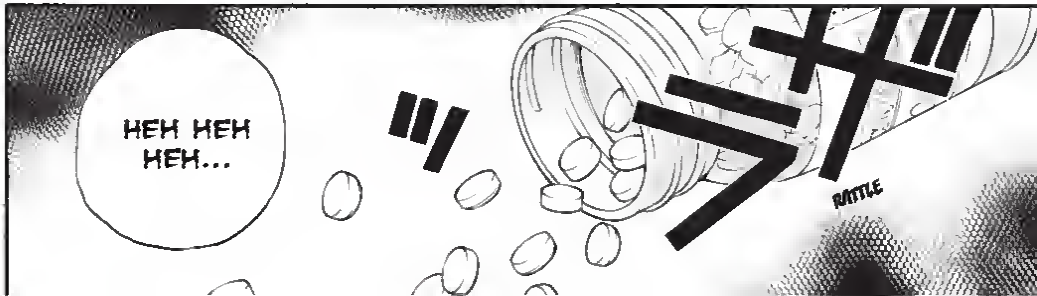
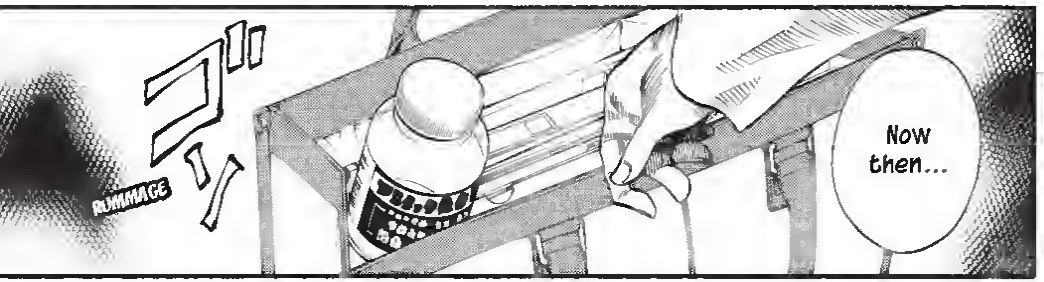
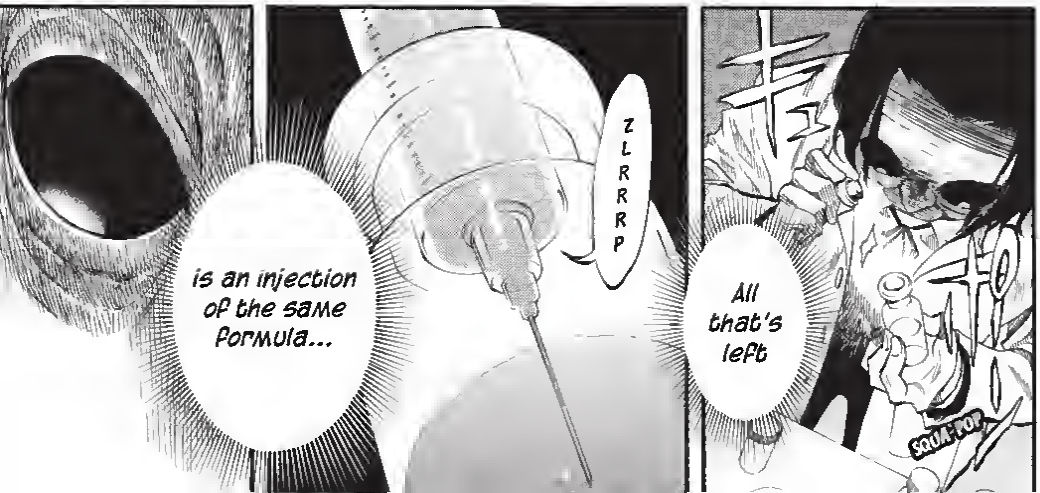
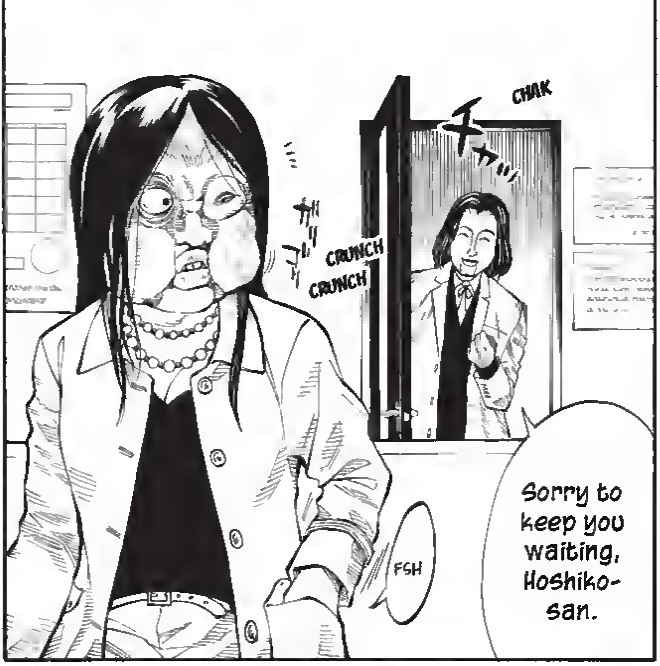
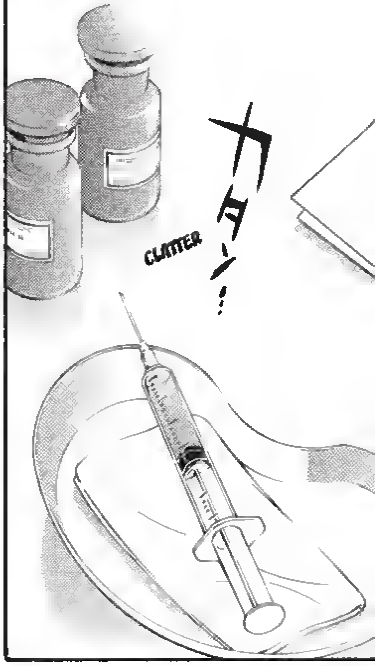

HEH HEH HEH...
RATTLE

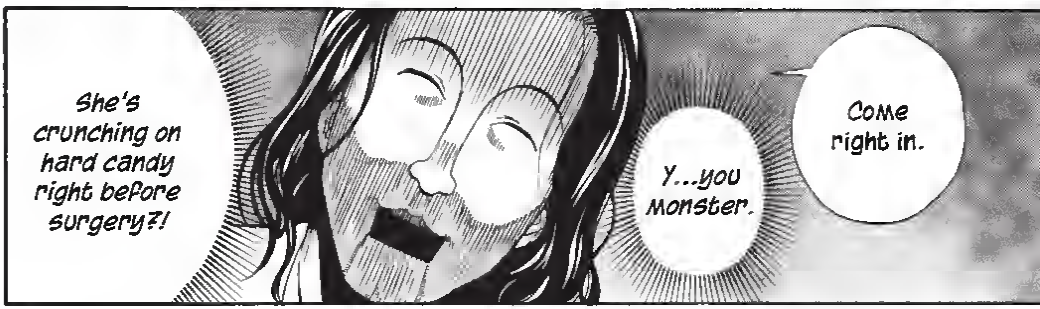
HEH
SHE'LL NEED A LOT OF DRUGS TO PUT HER TO SLEEP.
AS NEUROTIC AS SHE IS,

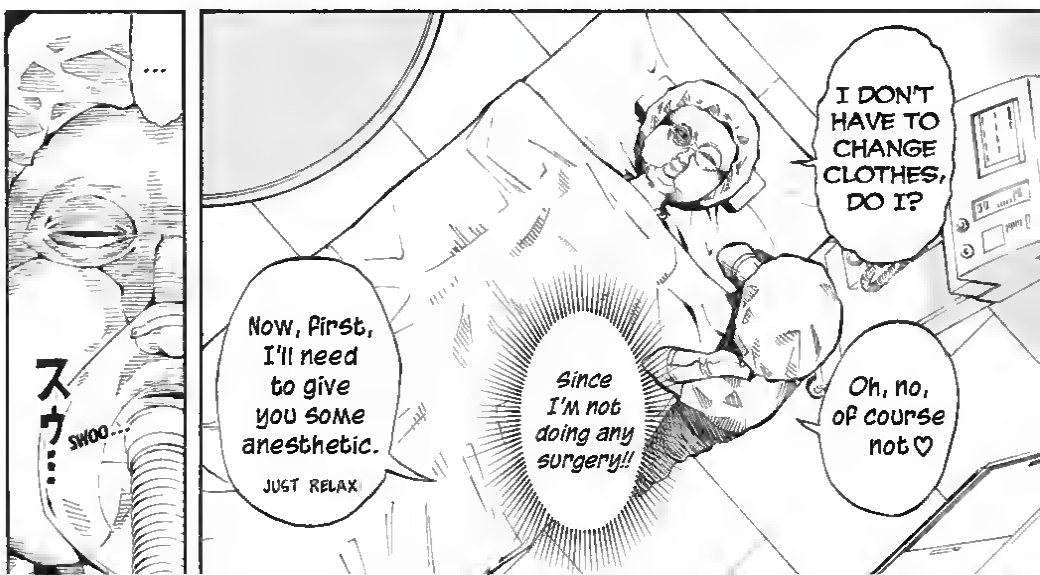

RUMMAGE
Now then...


is an injection of the same formula...
ZLRRRP
All that's left
SQUEEZE


CHAK
CRUNCH CRUNCH
FSH
Sorry to keep you waiting, Hoshiko-san.


CLATTER


She's crunching on hard candy right before surgery?!
Y...you monster.
Come right in.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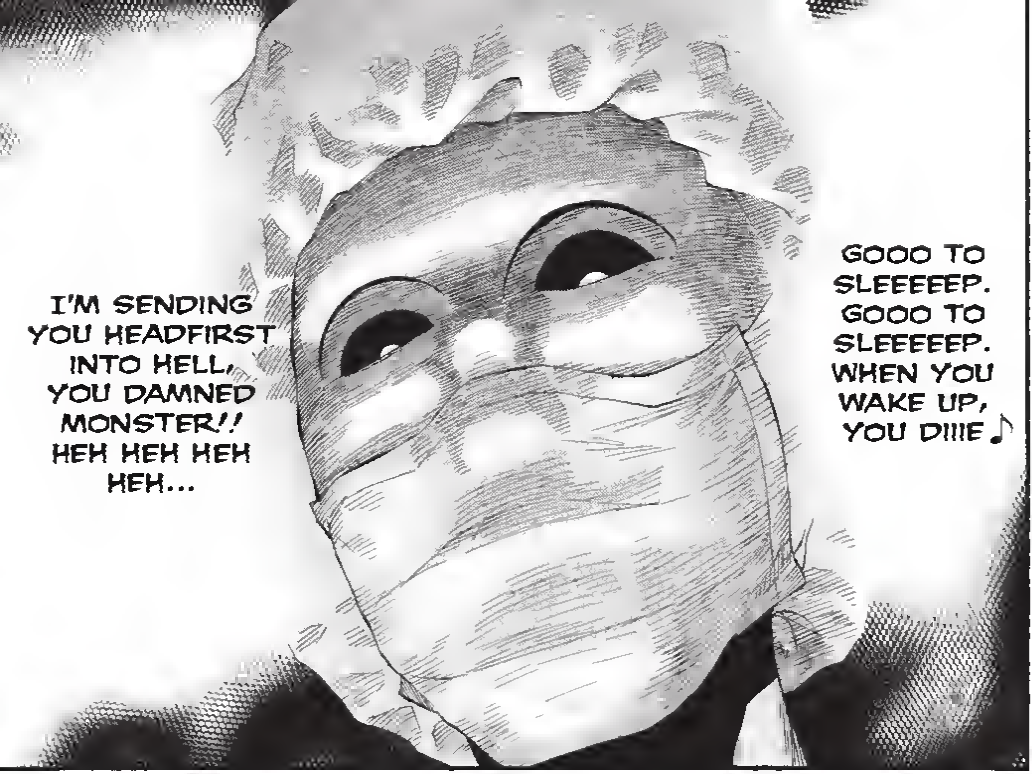
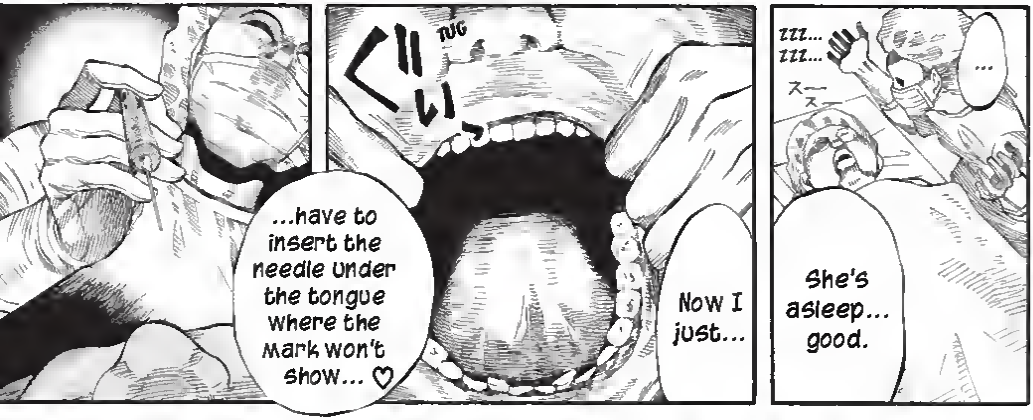
SWOO...
Now, first, I'll need to give you some anesthetic.
JUST RELAX
Since I'M not doing any surgery!!
I DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE CLOTHES, DO I?
Oh, no, of course not♡


I'M SENDING YOU HEADFIRST INTO HELL, YOU DAMNED MONSTER!! HEH HEH HEH HEH...
GOOO TO SLEEEEEP. GOOO TO SLEEEEEP. WHEN YOU WAKE UP, YOU D!!!E♪


...have to insert the needle under the tongue where the mark won't show... ♡
TUG
Now I just...
zzz... zzz...
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...
She's asleep... good.

Ugh disgusting!
CHHHH...
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KREE

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CHAK

キョロ
GLANCE
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GLANCE
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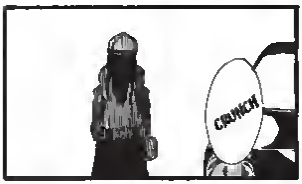
CRUNCH

CRUNCH
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
CRUNCH

Whew...
First, I'll take her coat off...
KACHAK
KACHAK

KACHAK
...Now what do I do?

Or...
Do I change her clothes first?

HISSSSSSS!!!
?!
y—
MEOOOW!
You little...
...
HISSF

And that.
HUFF...
HUFF...
Now I've retrieved all the evidence.
Okay!
GAH
To Yomiuri Shimbun
To Shūkan Kontan
Now I just...
CREEEEEAK
SS
GAH

SHUT